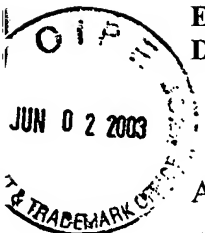


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This paper is in response to the May 7, 2003 Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 11). A response is due on or before June 7, 2003. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 24025-501NATL).

Remarks

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 7, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of **Group II**, claims 30-47 and 50, drawn to a method of treating allergy. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more continuing applications and also respectfully reserve the right to traverse the Examiner's requirement of a restriction in a future response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's requirement for restriction. The Examiner claims that the invention listed as Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,807,746, which discloses the use of biologically active peptide conjugated to importation component peptides in order to enable the delivery of said biologically active peptide across the membrane of cells. However, U.S. Patent No. 5,807,746 fails to teach or disclose or provide any guidance as to the *in vivo* efficacy of this proposed complex prior to the present invention. The compositions and the methods of treatments of the present invention relate to a single, general inventive concept in as